



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## *May 2022 Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**June 10:** Annual Auction, **at Salvation Army EDS, 4020 Georgetown Road, 46254**

**July 23:** Radio Club PICNIC **at Sahm Park.** Details following in this newsletter.

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### **Highlights from the May Meeting:**

Tonight's meeting was held via Zoom, and was called to order at 7:34 by club president David Spoelstra, N9KT. There were 40 in attendance.

After a quick reminder of the June auction, David introduced this evening's speakers: Dr. Bob Leamon and Dr. Scott McIntosh about Cycle 25.

They have titled their presentation "The Terminator". Through their different way of predicting Cycle 25, they are predicting it's high coming earlier and being higher than predicted by more "mainstream" predictions. The new cycle is coming on stronger and wiping out Cycle 24 quicker than originally predicted. Their predictions were made in 2013. Several slides were presented representing the sun's activity as predicted. They are looking more at the 22 year "Hale Cycles" to make their predictions. Peak predicted to be in 2025 comparable to Cycle 22. A Solar Cycle can be broken into 5 evenly spaced "seasons". *[There was lots of interesting information that was frankly above my head. However, the presentation was recorded and a link will be provided upon request. - Ed.]*

There were several good questions and comments from those present. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **SUPPORT THE CLUB WITH AMAZON AND KROGER REWARDS**

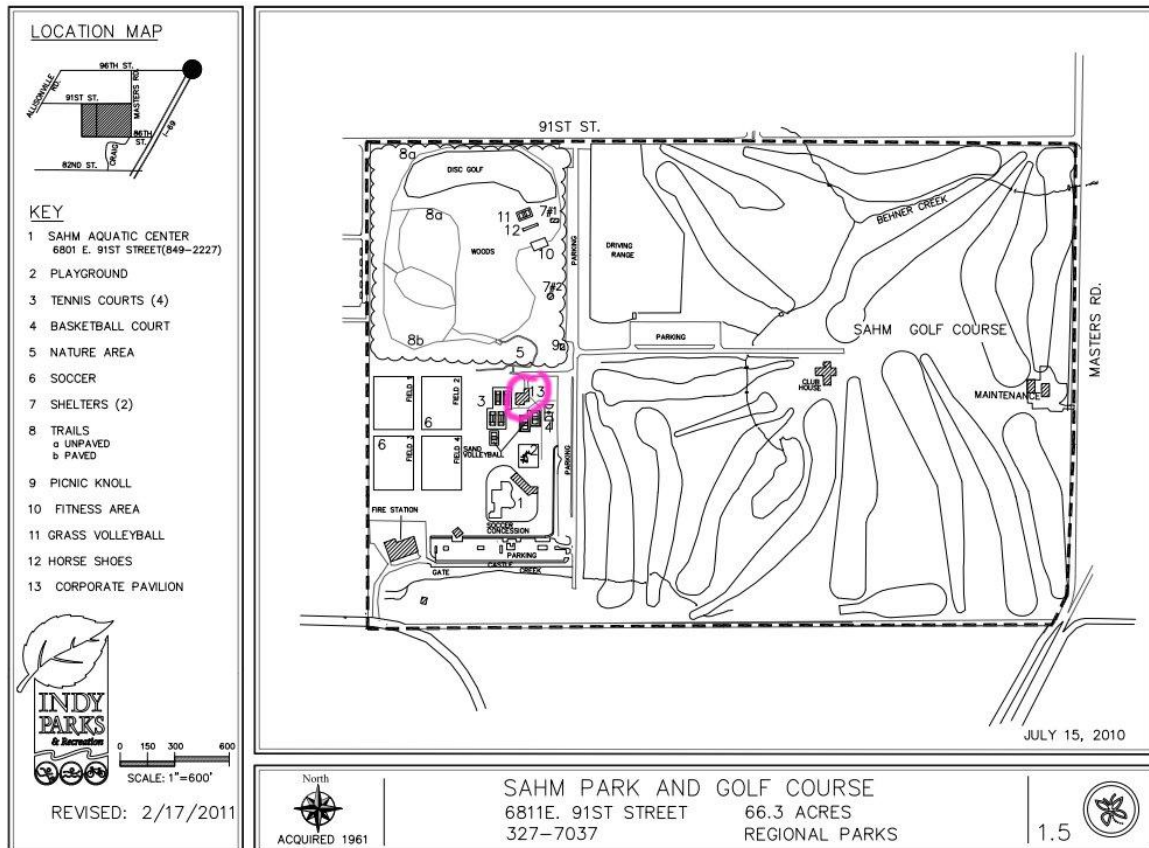
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### **INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB PICNIC JULY 23!**

Those of us that have been around the Radio Club for a while can remember the Swap Meet/Cookouts that we used to have at Joe and Betty Lobraico’s place (K9OOA and K9OOB, both SK now). They were a great time for club members and guests to get together for a burger and swap stories. After a many year hiatus, and to celebrate being able to get together again, the club is going to have a picnic on Saturday, July 23, from 1:00 to 4:00 at Sahm Park, 6801 E. 91st St, in the Corporate Shelter (circled on the drawing of the park below). The Club will supply Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Charcoal, Paper Products and Condiments. Items that need to be supplied by attendees are Ice, drinks (non-alcoholic), Potato Chips, Hot Dog and Hamburger Buns, and dessert items

such as Cookies and Cupcakes. Kevin Colbert, KD9MNB, has done a great job securing the facility for us, and needs to know how many are planning on attending, and what they are bringing. Please call, text or email Kevin at [colbert@iquest.net](mailto:colbert@iquest.net) (317) 506-3750. Anyone that is available to help with set up and tear down would be appreciated.



## AFTER A COUPLE OF MIS-STEPS, FCC ISSUES RESOLVED

Possibly as a result of the new filing fees for Amateur Radio Licenses (except upgrades), the FCC's electronic batch filing system (EBF) went down on two occasions. The first glitch was for a few hours on April 22. Then, on April 27, the FCC announced that the system was down. This time it didn't come back up until May 9. The full story can be read at

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-has-resolved-technical-issues-and-resumes-processing-amateur-radio-license-applications>

## HOW WAS YOUR INDIANA QSO PARTY?

Anyone have any stories from the Indiana QSO Party? Did you set a new personal record? Did you go to a new location, or operate mobile? Send your stories (and pictures) to me at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net).

Ron Cooper, WB9DKL, and myself (KJ9B) went to the grounds of the Lanier Mansion on the banks of the Ohio River in Madison, IN (Jefferson County). BTW, the Lanier Mansion, along with the other “state historic sites” operated by the Indiana State Museum is a Parks On the Air (POTA) site. It was a nice enough day, but there was a bit of a chilly breeze a good part of the day. We set up next to a street that leads to the river, between the mansion grounds and visitor center, so we had a few curious on-lookers, including a grandfather with his grandson, who is very interested in becoming a ham. So, between the pauses to explain what we were doing and occasional breaks, we didn’t set any records. We only made 80 contacts, but had a good time, and made some good “ham radio PR” contacts.



**Our operating position, as seen from the street.**





**Ron making contacts.**



**Interaction with Grandfather and Grandson (standing).**

## **HAMVENTION THIS WEEKEND!**

Being billed as “Hamvention Reunion”, after a two year COVID shut down, this weekend’s Hamvention promises to be a great one! Go to <https://hamvention.org/> to get all the info on the forums, exhibitors, and other events planned for the Hamvention. There is also a convenient app for your smartphone available for a free download that enables you to make your own schedule, and see maps of the exhibits and fairgrounds.

Also, DXEngineering reports, "One lucky attendee at Dayton Hamvention® 2022 will walk away with the largest prize ever offered in the history of the event-an Icom Amateur Radio Dream Station Package worth close to \$20,000". Go to <https://hamvention.org/dx-engineering-and-icom-america-offer-amateur-radio-dream-station-prize-package-at-dayton-hamvention-2022/> for all the details.

## **INTERNATIONAL MAIL DISRUPTIONS**

For those of us that still enjoy sending and receiving international QSL cards, here is a good website to keep track of service disruptions around the world:  
<https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm>

## **UPCOMING CENTRAL INDIANA TESTING SESSIONS (check with sponsor before planning to attend)**

Bloomington IN 47401-5337  
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc  
Date: Jun 04 2022  
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: William F. Wootton  
(812) 876-8689  
Email: wfwootton@gmail.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: First United Church - Call or email ahead due to COVID-19  
2420 E 3rd St  
Register at 11:30am  
Testing at 12 NOON  
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Indianapolis IN 46218-2169  
Sponsor: Indianapolis RC  
Date: Jun 11 2022  
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
Contact: James K. Rinehart  
(317) 721-1458  
Email: k9ru@arrl.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility  
4020 Georgetown Rd  
CALL AHEAD!!!  
Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

Rushville IN 46173-1846  
Sponsor: ARRL  
Date: Jun 11 2022  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Michael Dwight. Elder  
(765) 570-0381  
Email: wj9e42@yahoo.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Rushville Public Library  
130 W 3rd St  
Rushville IN 46173-1846

Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club  
Date: Jun 21 2022  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Stephen M. Riley  
(765) 425-4627  
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Madison County EOC  
200 Delaware St

Anderson IN 46016-2238

Columbus IN 47201-7477

Sponsor: SCICSG

Date: Jun 21 2022

Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Michael D. Tanksley

(812) 350-5175

Email: kd9eau@gmail.com

VEC: LAUREL VEC

Location: Columbus Twp. Fire & Rescue

935 Repp Dr

Columbus IN 47201-7477

## **FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER**

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at [http://mail.indyradioclub.org/mailman/listinfo/ircnews\\_indyradioclub.org](http://mail.indyradioclub.org/mailman/listinfo/ircnews_indyradioclub.org).

## **SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS**

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)

## **Signals from the Past:**

### **From the May 1982 Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter:**

The April 16th meeting was at the Indy Police Communications center. Most impressive was the demonstration of the 41 pickup points throughout Marion County which receive transmissions from police officers hand-held radios. 15 or 20 of the receivers can pick up any given unit at a given instant and automatically select the strongest from moment to moment to feed into the downtown control center.



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## Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- Hamvention 2022: May 20 - 22, 2022 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center. Go to <https://hamvention.org/> for more info.
- Bloomington ARC Tailgate: Saturday, June 11 at South side Christian Church, 500 E. Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN Go to <http://bloomingtonradio.org/> for more info.
- East Central Indiana Hamfest: Saturday, July 30 at Randolph County Fairgrounds. Go to <https://sites.google.com/view/ecindianahamfest/home> for more info.

## 2022 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – [president@indyradioclub.org](mailto:president@indyradioclub.org)
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